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TANNER RE-APPOINTED COMMISSIONER

Governor-Elect George Busbee recently announced that in agreement with the recommendation of the Board of Natural Resources concerning the Department's Commissioner, he has asked Joe D. Tanner to continue to serve as Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources during the Busbee administration. Tanner has agreed to do so.

In making the announcement, Governor-Elect Busbee stated, "My concurrence in this recommendation is based upon the record of progress which the Natural Resources Department has made under Mr. Tanner's leadership. Mr. Tanner is a proven administrator and has demonstrated a professional approach to natural resource management."

Tanner, the only Commissioner the Department has had, has served in this capacity since April, 1972. Prior to becoming Commissioner, he was Director of the former State Game and Fish Department.

EXECUTIVE SEMINAR SCHEDULED FOR MACON

The annual seminar planned for administrative personnel in the park, recreation, and conservation field has been scheduled for this year at the Macon Hilton Hotel on March 5-7, 1975.

Through a joint effort between the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and the University of Georgia, Institute of Government and Department of Recreation, the program will deal entirely with modern management techniques as they apply to leisure service programs.

Several top management experts will be made available through a government training grant of the Institute of Government. Two Management Consultants, Ken Henning and Charles Bishop, and Municipal Finance Specialist Art Mohor will head the team of resource people.

General discussions will be held with small work sessions geared to the various population categories. For example, administrators from communities under 20,000 will discuss management techniques and financial policy which relate to their size community.

Registration information will be mailed early in January. To be sure your name is on the registration list, contact: Recreation Planning Section, Room 703-B, 270 Washington Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30334.

Best Wishes For The New Year

The Second Annual Regional Forum on Innovative Recreation Programming will be held from February 5 through 7 at Georgia State University in Atlanta. The Forum, sponsored by the National Recreation and Park Association, Georgia Recreation and Park Society, and Georgia State University, will focus on innovative methods of program delivery and will be intended primarily for recreation leaders and supervisors who have primary programming responsibility.

Preregistration and prepayment of the nominal registration fee are required because attendance is limited to the first 300 applicants. Preregistration deadline is January 31, 1975. The registration fee is \$18 for NRPA members, \$24 for non-members, and \$6 for students.

For additional information write or call: Southeast Service Center, National Recreation and Park Association, 460 First National Bank Building, 315 West Ponce de Leon Avenue, Decatur, Georgia 30030, 404-378-1556.

GRPS SETS GOAL AT ROCK EAGLE

The Georgia Recreation and Park Society, under the direction of President Jim Oates, held its annual President's Assembly at Rock Eagle on December 10-11. Approximately 100 members of the Society attended for the purpose of setting goals and objectives for all committee and liaison work and developing a plan of action for the coming year. It was generally felt that the two days of meeting were very productive. All committees and sections are looking forward to a very productive year and will be striving together to reach the goals and objectives set forth at Rock Eagle.

Jim Oates, President, GRPS, congratulates Jim Cone on receipt of Professional Award.



GRPS Officers: L-R. Escoe, Ash, Oates, McNair, Young, and Harris.

GRPS OFFICERS ARE CHOSEN

The Georgia Recreation and Park Society selected officers for 1975 at the recent Georgia Conference on Recreation and Parks at Savannah's DeSoto Hilton Hotel. Officers elected include President—Jim Oates, Chief of the Recreation Planning Section of DNR; President-Elect—George Harris, Director, Troup County Recreation Commission; First Vice-President—Ronnie Young, Director, Carrollton Parks & Recreation; Second Vice-President—Claudia McNair, Recreation Superintendent, Clayton County Parks & Recreation; Treasurer—Wayne Escoe, Recreation Planner, Recreation Planning Section of DNR; Secretary—Bob Ash, Assistant Director, Cobb County Parks and Recreation; Board of Directors—Jim Champlin, University of Georgia, and Jim Cone, Director, DeKalb County Parks and Recreation.

CONE RECEIVES PROFESSIONAL AWARD

At its 30th Annual Georgia Conference on Recreation and Parks, the Georgia Recreation and Park Society recognized James D. Cone, Director of DeKalb County Parks and Recreation and member of the Board of Natural Resources, as "Professional Recreator of the Year." This honor is bestowed annually upon the Georgia recreator who has exemplified professionalism in the field and contributed significantly to the growth of recreation in the State.

Cone was cited for his leadership as Chairman of the GRPS Legislative Committee, member of GRPS Board of Trustees and Board of Natural Resources, Chairman of Georgia Special Olympics Executive Committee, Southeast Regional Legislative Chairman for the National Recreation and Park Association, and leadership in various other organizations involved in recreation and conservation.

The Department of Natural Resources congratulates Jim Cone on receipt of this award

SPECIAL OLYMPICS NEWS

GEORGIANS ATTEND BASKETBALL WORKSHOP

The Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation, national sponsors of Special Olympics, and South Carolina Special Olympics sponsored a basketball workshop in Columbia, South Carolina, December 6 and 7. The workshop consisted of information on this year's basketball program that will be co-sponsored by the NBA. The tournaments will include all levels of team competition and a Run, Dribble and Shoot competition.

Attending from Georgia were Susan Burdick, Kathy Simpson, Alicia Philipp, Greg Roberts, Don Johnson, Jim Herbert, Jack Holman, and Sam Taylor.

Alicia Philipp is the Southeast Region basketball coordinator and is coordinating the program with the Atlanta Hawks.

Winners of the region competition will advance to National Finals sponsored by the NBA.

PLAY TO GROW KITS AVAILABLE

The Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation "Families Play to Grow" kit is available through the Recreation Planning Section of DNR. The kit provides an opportunity for mentally and physically handicapped children to participate in a regular program of play and sports with their families, classmates, or friends to earn a certificate of achievement.

The kit contains a play manual, play calendar, "I'm a Winner" chart and 10 play guides. The play guides offer step-by-step instructions to teaching sports such as swimming, volleyball, bowling, and baseball in a way that even very handicapped children can learn.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Waynesboro—Athletic Director

Lawrenceville—Director

Rome—Women's Athletic Coordinator

DATES TO REMEMBER

January

- 7 GRPS State Athletic Committee Meeting
Train Recreation Center
Macon, Georgia
- 13 Georgia General Assembly Convenes
State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia
- 26-30 Park and Recreation
Maintenance-Management School
Oglebay Park
Wheeling, West Virginia

February

- 5-7 NRPA Regional Forum on
Innovative Programming
Georgia State University
Atlanta, Georgia
- 9-14 Executive Development Program for
Recreation and Park Administrators
University of Georgia
Athens, Georgia
- 16-18 Conference on Security and Safety
in Parks and Recreation
Oglebay Park
Wheeling, West Virginia

March

- 4 GRPS Board of Trustees Meeting
- 5-7 Executive Seminar
Macon Hilton Hotel
Macon, Georgia
- 9-13 Revenue Sources Management School
Oglebay Park
Wheeling, West Virginia
- 10-14 Grounds Maintenance School
(Site to be determined)
Atlanta, Georgia
- 23-25 NRPA Southern District Recreation and
Park Conference
Hotel Roanoke
Roanoke, Virginia

**Promotions and New Assignments:**

Clayton County Parks & Recreation Dept.:

Claudia McNair—Program Director to Recreation
Superintendent

Paul Brown—Athletic Director to Program Director

Bruce Cabot—Area Director to Athletic Director

New Appointments:

Clayton County Parks & Recreation Dept.:

Gary Dukes—Area Director

Howard Gibson—Area Director

Vann Saltz—Area Director

Fort McPherson:

Walter Winchester—Recreation Center Program
Director

Glennville Parks & Recreation Dept.:

William Wren—Director

Milledgeville Youth Development Center:

Alton A. Wilson—Recreation Leader III

Monroe Parks & Recreation Dept:

Diane Davies—Director

Roswell Parks & Recreation Dept.:

Nancy Schoonover—Recreation Supervisor

John Sheffield—Recreation Supervisor

Troup County Parks & Recreation Dept.:

Larry Evans—Area Supervisor—West Point

Valdosta Recreation & Parks Dept.:

Kenneth Talbert—Program Director

Arelen Bottenfield—Therapeutic Specialist

Judy Browning—Social Programs Director

Recent legislation passed by the Congress and signed by the President known as the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 is aimed at improving housing and the living environment in urban communities.

The Act consolidates several categorical programs including: Open Space, Urban Beautification, Historic Preservation Grants, Public Facility Loans, Water and Sewer and Neighborhood Facilities Grants, Urban Renewal and NDP Grants, Model Cities Supplemented Grants, and Rehabilitation Loans.

Urban cities and cities recently involved in any of the above grant programs fall into the "entitlement" categories and will receive 80 percent of the funds in a pre-determined amount. Other cities (primarily under 25,000) will compete for the "discretionary" funds which will be 20% of the total appropriated.

Recreation and parks is a definite fundable component under Title I of the Act and recreation and park administrators are urged to determine if their local community intends to submit an application.

Applications must be submitted as a community development package and there are definite planning requirements which accompany the grant application. Included is a three-year plan of needs and action to accomplish objective. Also, a housing assistance plan for low income persons is a requirement.

Parks and recreation is only one component of such an application. Therefore, it is important for recreation and park personnel to determine the local intent of their city officials and to be sure recreation and parks is included where applicable.

DID YOU KNOW THAT . . .

Jim Miller, Director, Cobb County Parks & Recreation Dept., was recently cited as WQXI Radio's "Boss of the Day?"

Since the Land & Water Conservation Fund was initiated in 1965, Georgia has received approximately \$19.5 million and local governments have received nearly 60% (\$11 million)?

The City of Glennville has established the 99th Recreation & Parks Department in Georgia?

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